

CFR At A Glance

At CFR, we believe that every family matters. Our mission is to keep families together—we work to prevent children from entering the foster care system or to keep their time in care to a minimum. CFR clients receive the services of our innovative team model consisting of a lawyer, a social worker, and a parent advocate—a professional who has experienced the child welfare system firsthand and can empathize with the struggles that vulnerable families face.

Our financial impact is substantial. An investment in CFR supports an efficient and effective model that achieves significant public savings. Our services cost an average of just \$6,500 per family, versus an average minimum of \$30,000 to keep a child in foster care for a year in NYC. **Since 2007 CFR's services have reduced the cost of foster care by more than \$30 million.**

Our Results Prove that CFR is...

Groundbreaking. Our unique model was the first of its kind in the nation and has benefited almost 6,000 families since our founding in 2002.

Effective. More than 50% of CFR families avoid foster care altogether. Since 2007, our median length of stay is 5 months, compared to 11.5 months for all children citywide before CFR began working with parents in a high volume capacity.

Expert. Annually, CFR provides dozens of training sessions to more than 500 professionals around the city, state and country. This includes judges, court personnel, attorneys, social workers, and parent advocates.

Frequently recognized for excellence, our staff members serve in leadership positions on many commissions and task forces. CFR also provides expert commentary on legislation and policy initiatives that affect vulnerable families on city, state, and national levels.

Of the Parents We Served in 2015:

100% live in poverty **24%** have a history of substance abuse

82% are people of color **24%** have a mental health diagnosis

73% are women **20%** are survivors of domestic violence

38% are raising their children as single parents **26%** are immigrants

To learn more about our work and the families we serve, visit:

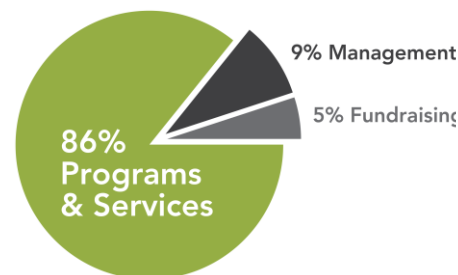
www.cfrny.org and follow **@EveryFamilyCFR**

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Data Current as of November 2015

CFR's Finances

- In 2014, CFR's budget was \$8,642,000. We have grown steadily since our founding, when our budget was just \$250,000.
- CFR is committed to operating responsibly. 86 cents of every dollar spent goes directly to programming.



Why We Work to Prevent Foster Care

- Former foster youth are 3 times as likely to live below the poverty line.
- Nearly 25% of homeless adults have a history of foster care. In NYC, 1 in 10 foster youth becomes homeless within a year of aging out of care.
- 50% of youth in NYC are unemployed upon aging out of foster care, making them more likely to become homeless, incarcerated, and dependent upon welfare.
- Girls living in foster care are twice as likely as the general population to become pregnant by age 19.
- More than 50% of foster care alumni suffer from mental health problems and 21% are diagnosed with PTSD.

The Cost of Doing Nothing

- Today, more than 400,000 children live in foster care in the U.S.
- The federal government spends more than \$29 billion a year on child welfare services, of which more than \$4 billion goes toward maintaining children in the foster care system.
- In New York State alone, the cost of foster care is more than \$400 million.